

**Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
and Notice of Draft EIR Public Hearing**

Project: 2025 Long Range Development Plan
Location: One Cyclotron Road, Berkeley, Alameda County
Sponsor: University of California, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (UC LBNL)
Lead Agency: The University of California (UC)
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UC LBNL (Berkeley Lab) has made available for review a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR – State Clearinghouse Number 2024050545) for the above-named project, prepared pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The document is available from the [Project webpage \(http://lrdep.lbl.gov\)](http://lrdep.lbl.gov) for a 61-day public review and comment period from April 1 through May 31, 2025.

Project Description

Berkeley Lab will request that the Regents of the University of California adopt its 2025 Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) to replace its current 2006 LRDP. The 2025 LRDP is a 20-year plan (addressing years 2025 through 2045) that provides high-level guidance for Berkeley Lab campus development. The LRDP focuses on development-related principles, goals, and strategies; campus-wide land use; and campus population, built space, and parking parameters. Under the 2025 LRDP, campus land use patterns would remain largely unchanged. By the year 2045, campus adjusted daily population (ADP) may reach 4,200 (current baseline is 3,000 ADP) and campus built space may reach 2.42 million gross square feet (current baseline is 2.06 million gross square feet); staff and visitor parking spaces (current baseline 1,700 spaces) would remain unchanged.

Anticipated Environmental Effects

Implementation of the proposed 2025 LRDP is anticipated to result in potentially significant impacts in the areas of Aesthetics, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Noise and Vibration, and Wildfire; impacts to Cultural Resources and Noise and Vibration are identified as significant and unavoidable. The project site is not located on any of the lists of sites enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

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Public Review and Comment

The Draft EIR is available on the [Project webpage](#) for a 61-day public review and comment period from April 1 through May 31, 2025. For reference, the draft LRDP and related information is also available from the Project webpage. A paper copy of the Draft EIR is available for review at the Berkeley Main Public Library reference desk: 2090 Kittredge Street in Berkeley.

During the Draft EIR public comment period, agencies and the public may submit comments on the content and adequacy of the Draft EIR analysis. Comments may be submitted in writing and/or orally at the Draft EIR public hearing (see information below).

Written Comment Submission

Submission of written comments via e-mail is encouraged. Please e-mail comments to Planning@lbl.gov. Should you wish to send written comments via regular mail, please mail your comment letter to Jeff Philliber, LBNL, 1 Cyclotron Road, M/S 50A-4112, Berkeley, CA 94720. Please include your full name and address in written correspondence. To be considered and addressed in the 2025 LRDP Final EIR, comments must be received no later than 5:00 PM on May 31, 2025.

Oral Comment Submission: Draft EIR Public Hearing

Berkeley Lab will hold a Draft EIR Public Hearing on May 13, 2025 beginning at 5:00 PM to receive oral comments on the adequacy of the information presented in the Draft EIR. The Draft EIR Public Hearing will be a virtual meeting conducted via Zoom. If you are interested in attending this meeting, you must [register in advance](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation e-mail containing information about joining the meeting.

Please note that all public comments made in writing or in oral testimony at the Draft EIR Public Hearing will be part of the public record. Comments received at the Public Hearing or in writing during the comment period will be responded to in a Comments and Responses document prepared in conjunction with the Final EIR. After their review of the Final EIR, including the Comments and Responses document, the Regents of the University of California will be asked to consider certification of the Final EIR along with adoption of the 2025 LRDP.

Thank you for your interest in this project.



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